

## Purpose

### **Center of Expertise for the Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures**

#### Inventories & Evaluations

Each Federal agency is required to locate, inventory, and nominate any properties under its ownership or control that appear to qualify for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Such inventories and evaluations include background studies, field surveys and analyses conducted in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office. The Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise (CX) Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures can advise and assist other agencies with...

- Comprehensive inventories of historic structures and landscapes on installations and within historic districts, including field surveys and research of existing documentation
- Evaluation of structures for compliance with Secretary of the Interior's Standards
- Coordination with the Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, the statewide inventory carried out by the State Historic Preservation Office, and other required coordination

The requirement for agencies to conduct inventories and evaluations of historic properties falls under Section 110(a)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act. Section 110 requires agencies to maintain a "management inventory" consisting of documentation that includes an inventory of evaluated properties, information on properties not yet evaluated, and general background data. Agencies are then expected to integrate this management inventory with their existing systems for property management and land use and project planning. Other existing inventories of historic properties can be consulted to aid in the agency's inventory and evaluation process, such as:

- The National Register
- Historic American Buildings Survey and Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER)
- National Archeological Data Base (NADB)
- Indian tribal records
- Records of academic institutions
- Local government records
- State inventories
- Other Federal and State agency data bases

... and a host of non-inventory type data sources, such as oral histories, remote sensing data and interviews with artifact collectors. If data suggest that

unrecorded historic properties may be present but are not known, then a new survey needs to be conducted. Though the above requirements pertain specifically to Federal agencies, the CX can assist agencies at other levels of government - State and local - and other interested organizations with their needs for inventory and evaluation of historic properties. An examples of the kind of service the CX can provide other agencies or installations is the Inventory and Evaluation of Historic Resources at McChord Air Force Base in Washington State. The work included a file search and literature research, field survey and documentation, and National Register nominations of eligible historic properties at the base. A similar inventory and evaluation was performed by the CX for Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

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